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#rwworkshop December 2014



Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoye

Yes! I hope everyone has happy, happy holiday! [#rwworkshop](#)

10 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

[#rwworkshop](#) See? I knew [@kelleemoye](#) would have the right date. Enjoy the holidays, everyone!

12 MINUTES AGO [REPLY](#) [RETWEET](#) [FAVORITE](#)



Carrie Gelson
@CarrieGelson

[@mindi_r](#) Sorry I missed it. Bad week for me P/T conferences at my children's school! But look forward to future [#rwworkshop](#) chats

13 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoye

Thank you everyone for taking part in [#rwworkshop](#)! Next chat 1/7/15 at 9PM ET

13 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

[#rwworkshop](#) Perhaps I should have double checked my calendar. Now I think the first Wednesday is NOT the 6th.

13 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

[#rwworkshop](#) Thank you for joining us tonight! We'll be back on January 6! Hope you'll join us again. Ideas for chat? Let us know!



14 MINUTES AGO

**Kellee Moye**

@kelleemoye

[@mindi_r](#) Exactly! ;) [#rwworkshop](#)



15 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

[@kelleemoye](#) [#rwworkshop](#) OK... I'll give you the new mom excuse. Also, I read some of those for the Caudill selection committee.



16 MINUTES AGO

**Jennifer Fountain**

@jennann516

[@mindi_r](#) These are always necessary. [#rwworkshop](#)



16 MINUTES AGO

**Kellee Moye**

@kelleemoye

[@mindi_r](#) I was on a committee then pregnant. I missed a lot. [#rwworkshop](#)



16 MINUTES AGO

**Kellee Moye**

@kelleemoye

[@mindi_r](#) I KNOW! [#rwworkshop](#)



17 MINUTES AGO



Sarah Krajewski
@SHKrajewski

I Am Malala, Freedom Summer Murders, I'll Give You the Sun
[#rworkshop](#)

17 MINUTES AGO



Michele Knott
@knott_michele

[@mindi_r](#) [@danfeigelson](#) I'm reading that too! Love the way the info is organized. Good examples [#rworkshop](#)

17 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

[#rworkshop](#) I must also admit that over break I will binge on bodice-ripper romances with naughty dukes in them.

17 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

[@kelleemoye](#) Also, am I judge much? [#rworkshop](#)

18 MINUTES AGO



Sarah Krajewski
@SHKrajewski

[@mindi_r](#) [@kelleemoye](#) Just finished Fish In a Tree. Amazing! My review: skrajewski.wordpress.com [#rworkshop](#)

19 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoye

[@mindi_r](#) There are so many good ones, I cannot wait to get to them!
[#rwworkshop](#)



19 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rensch
@mindi_r

[@kelleemoye](#) [#rwworkshop](#) DUDE! How have you not read these?



19 MINUTES AGO



Jennifer Fountain
@jennann516

[@kelleemoye](#) Can't wait to read Between the Lines. Jo is a FAVORITE with my Ss. [#rwworkshop](#)



19 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoye

OH! And Lions of Little Rock, One for the Murphys, and Paper Cowboy
[#rwworkshop](#)



19 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rensch
@mindi_r

[@kelleemoye](#) [#rwworkshop](#) Counting By 7s & Snicker of Magic are SO GOOD! Need to get my hands on the Knowles.



19 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

Counting by 7s by Sloan, Sicker of Magic by Lloyd, and Read Between the Lines by Knowles to read :) #rwworkshop

 20 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

@kelleemoye #rwworkshop Can't wait to read Fish in a Tree. Loved One for the Murphys.

 20 MINUTES AGO



Jennifer Fountain
@jennann516

@mindi_r Yeeees. I need to go get this! #rwworkshop @mstiefvater

 20 MINUTES AGO



Jennifer Fountain
@jennann516

@kelleemoye Very. TWCurse is 1st, if you haven't read that one.
#rwworkshop

 21 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

I have Absolutely Truly by Frederick, Blue Birds by Starr Rose, Fish in a Tree by Hunt, All the Bright Places by Niven #rwworkshop

 21 MINUTES AGO



Sarah Krajewski
@SHKrajewski

@mindi_r @danfeigelson Thanks. I know I can always improve on my conferences, so I'll have to read it. #rwworkshop

 22 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoye

@jennann516 Winner's Crime was good? It sounds good. #rwworkshop

 22 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rensch
@mindi_r

#rwworkshop I'm currently reading Reading Projects Reinvented by @danfeigelson. New look at reading conferences. SO GOOD!

 @danfeigelson · 25 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rensch
@mindi_r

#rwworkshop As soon as my Cyblis reading is finished, I'm going to read Blue Lily, Lily Blue by @mstiefvater

 22 MINUTES AGO



Jennifer Fountain
@jennann516

Also finished a hot ARCs that I got at NCTE. The Devil You Know. The Winner's Crime. A Court of Thorns & Roses. All great. #rwworkshop

 23 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

@SHKrajewski @danfeigelson Applicable across grades, tho examples are elementary. It's really about how/what to ask in conf. #rwworkshop



23 MINUTES AGO

**Kellee Moyer**

@kelleemoye

@SHKrajewski abramsbooks.com/teachingguides... :) #rwworkshop



23 MINUTES AGO

**Jennifer Fountain**

@jennann516

Finished listening to audio of The Hero's Guide to Being an Outlaw w/ my kids. IT. IS. AWESOME! #rwworkshop



24 MINUTES AGO

**Sarah Krajewski**

@SHKrajewski

@mindi_r @danfeigelson Good for high school too? #rwworkshop



24 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

#rwworkshop My YA reading lately has been for #Cybils (I'm a round 1 judge). I really liked I'll Give You the Sun by @jandynelson.



24 MINUTES AGO

**Sarah Krajewski**

@SHKrajewski

@kelleemoye @CeceBellBooks I'd love to see it! #rwworkshop



25 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moya
@kelleemoya

@mindi_r WANT! #rwworkshop



25 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moya
@kelleemoya

@SHKrajewski Yay! @CeceBellBooks is awesome! #rwworkshop (P.S. Have you seen my teaching guide?)



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Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

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@danfeigelson · 25 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moya
@kelleemoya

Yay books! I am looking forward to winter break to get some major reading done! I'm about to start The Shadow Hero by Yang. #rwworkshop



25 MINUTES AGO



Sarah Krajewski
@SHKrajewski

I just finally read El Deafo by @CeceBellBooks LOVED it! #rwworkshop



26 MINUTES AGO

**Jennifer Fountain**

@jennann516

Had to put kids to bed, then caught up in Rockets dominating on TV...back now! [#rworkshop](#)



26 MINUTES AGO

**Sarah Krajewski**

@SHKrajewski

[@KellyGToGo](#) Write Like This is a great book that helped me organize my workshop units by genre. [#rworkshop](#)



26 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

[#rworkshop](#) Kellee and I like to end our chat each month talking BOOKS! What are you reading? What do you want to read? What are you loving?



27 MINUTES AGO

**Jennifer Fountain**

@jennann516

I loved THINKING THROUGH GENRE by Heather Lattimer. Need to reread and apply more. [#rworkshop](#)



27 MINUTES AGO

**Kellee Moyer**

@kelleemoye

[@TeachLW](#) Well, explain to me a bit more on how you are pulling reading groups, and we can brainstorm. [#rworkshop](#)



28 MINUTES AGO



Sarah Krajewski
@SHKrajewski

Starting my narrative unit after Christmas. Have students begin by studying the craft of their favorite authors. [#rwworkshop](#)

28 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoye

[@SHKrajewski](#) Exactly. We will have one similar to Utah which had 32% passing (or similar). [#rwworkshop](#)

28 MINUTES AGO



Sarah Krajewski
@SHKrajewski

I'm not scared of the standards, but I'm made to fear the assessments. NY has poorly created ones that show 33% passing. [#rwworkshop](#)

29 MINUTES AGO



Jennifer Fountain
@jennann516

[@mindi_r](#) I try to do the same w/ my Ss. Read the genre, write the genre. [#rwworkshop](#)

29 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoye

[@mindi_r](#) Agreed. Always time. And teachers are quite scared of these new standards and assessments. [#rwworkshop](#)

30 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@TeachLW You can do workshop within reading circles :) #rwworkshop



30 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

@SHKrajewski #rwworkshop That's definitely a challenge for teachers I work with as well.



31 MINUTES AGO



Sarah Krajewski
@SHKrajewski

Time. Students learn at different rates. I need to differentiate, so I have learned to create opportunities that challenge. #rwworkshop



32 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

#rwworkshop The main challenge I hear from T in my building is TIME. There's so much to do and not enough time to do everything to depth.



33 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

#rwworkshop Q4: What challenges do you face in planning units?



34 MINUTES AGO



Sarah Krajewski
@SHKrajewski

@mindi_r My point exactly. I've been observed using it and no one noticed! :) #rwworkshop



36 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

@SHKrajewski #rwworkshop I agree... can be just as rigorous (I'd argue more).



37 MINUTES AGO



Sarah Krajewski
@SHKrajewski

@mindi_r I have presented the research, but no one wants to see it anymore. I just do it anyway. I see what my Ss get out of it. #rwworkshop



37 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

@SHKrajewski #rwworkshop Rigorous according to whom? What is rigorous for one student is too easy or too hard for others.



38 MINUTES AGO



Sarah Krajewski
@SHKrajewski

Told by admin that workshop model is not "rigorous" enough for CC. I think ppl are just scared of unknown. It can be rigorous! #rwworkshop



38 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@SHKrajewski Many people feel the same as you. Lots of schools and districts are mandating curriculums. #rwworkshop

 39 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

@SHKrajewski #rwworkshop That is a reality in too many schools. However, research does exist on the power of choice & time in St achievement

 39 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@TeachLW So no flexibility or time for differentiation? That's happening a lot of places.... #rwworkshop

 40 MINUTES AGO



Justin Stygles
@JustinStygles

@SHKrajewski Please explain more, if you can. This is interesting #rwworkshop

 40 MINUTES AGO



Sarah Krajewski
@SHKrajewski

You're lucky you can use the workshop model. I have to hide when I use it, so it's not all year. Not everyone is a believer. #rwworkshop

 41 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@mindi_r I haven't seen either :(#rwworkshop



41 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

@kelleemoye #rwworkshop Have you ever seen Katie present? She's awesome. SO is @EllinKeene



42 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@mindi_r You always tell me how wonderful she is :) #rwworkshop



42 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

@kelleemoye #rwworkshop The basic structure is based on the work of @KatieWoodRay



43 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@TeachLW What textbook curriculum are they using? Do they allow you to modify to workshop? #rwworkshop



43 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@mindi_r LOVE this! #rwworkshop



44 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

Are any of your schools having ELA use Springboard? [#rwworkshop](#)

AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

[#rwworkshop](#) Then Ss move into a writing phase where they spend time writing in the genre, applying what they've learned & studying craft

AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

[#rwworkshop](#) A3 Our writing units start with a reading phase where students identify the characteristics of genre, examine elements, etc.

@grammasheri · AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@TeachLW But they didn't care when or what specific text? [#rwworkshop](#)

AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

[#rwworkshop](#) A3 Our writing units start with a reading phase where students identify the characteristics of genre, examine elements, etc.

@grammasheri · AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@TeachLW What parameters? [#rwworkshop](#)

AN HOUR AGO



Mr. Wright
@TeachLW

A2) last year my district allowed us to create "modules" that surrounded a theme, but they had to follow a certain parameter [#rwworkshop](#)

AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

[#rwworkshop](#) Q3: When planning your units of study, how do you decide what to teach when? What resources are your go-tos?

AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

[#rwworkshop](#) I am so lucky that my intervention is basically a workshop, only SHORT (30min!).

AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

@TeachLW @kelleemoye [#rwworkshop](#) Welcome, Lee! Glad you could join us!

AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@TeachLW Welcome!! [#rwworkshop](#)

AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoye

@mindi_r That is why I am primarily doing NF in my adv. reading class.
#rwworkshop



AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoye

@jennann516 Sigh. I don't know. It is better than other programs. They allow for more flexibility and they do mean well. #rwworkshop



AN HOUR AGO



Mr. Wright
@TeachLW

.@kelleemoye @mindi_r BTW Lee Wright 7th grade ELA/ Reading/AVID
#rwworkshop



AN HOUR AGO



**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

[#rwworkshop](#) In my intervention, I can choose what texts I use, though I generally focus on NF reading to aid transfer across content areas.



AN HOUR AGO

**Jennifer Fountain**

@jennann516

[@kelleemoye](#) How was the R180 last year? [#rwworkshop](#) [@mindi_r](#)



AN HOUR AGO

**Kellee Moye**

@kelleemoye

[@mindi_r](#) For our single block intensive reading classes, we can choose. [#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO

**Jennifer Fountain**

@jennann516

A2) Our district really only dictates the over all genre focus. Each campus has complete control over which texts they use. [#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO

**Kellee Moye**

@kelleemoye

[@mindi_r](#) With our double block intensive reading classes, it is not workshop, we have Read180. [#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@mindi_r Well, in my reading elective I have a scope and sequence, but it is just a guide. I have kind of followed it. #rwworkshop

 AN HOUR AGO



Jennifer Fountain
@jennann516

@NGCCiresi Umm, I can make one that makes sense to others bc my notebook would NOT ;) haha! #rwworkshop @kelleemoye

 AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

#rwworkshop Q2: How do you decide what units to teach? Does the district specify or do you get to choose?

 AN HOUR AGO



Jennifer Fountain
@jennann516

Now Ss are writing scripts using Greek gods/goddesses as their characters.
#rwworkshop

 AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@NGCCiresi @jennann516 would love to hear the answer to this :)
#rwworkshop

 AN HOUR AGO

**Jennifer Fountain**

@jennann516

This 6 weeks we're studying fiction/drama, so we read a Reader's Theater type "play" (The Tale of Perseus) [#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO

**Kellee Moyer**

@kelleemoye

[@mindi_r](#) True. I often teach with NF and then have them practice with their F novels. [#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO

**Mindi Rensch**

@mindi_r

[@kelleemoye](#) [#rwworkshop](#) Depends on the teacher/strategy/genre. WE try to do a F & NF for each strategy b/x you read differently in F and NF



AN HOUR AGO

**Kellee Moyer**

@kelleemoye

[@mindi_r](#) So while teaching the strategy, you also teach about the genre? Or just use only that genre? [#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO

**Kellee Moyer**

@kelleemoye

[@mindi_r](#) That's a great idea. I could do genre/standards. [#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

[@jennann516](#) Okay, so you'll focus on NF and connect with F. Then F and connect with NF. Etc.? [#rwworkshop](#)



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Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

[@jennann516](#) [@mindi_r](#) Guess so :) The holiday season always shows a drop in attendance [#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

[@kelleemoye](#) Yes, exactly. [#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

[@jennann516](#) [#rwworkshop](#) Seems like it! That's ok, though!



AN HOUR AGO



Jennifer Fountain
@jennann516

Is it just the 3 of us tonight? :) [#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

[@mindi_r](#) OH! So strategies and genres together? [#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO



Jennifer Fountain
@jennann516

@kelleemoye 1st 6 wks we focused on non-fiction rdng/wrtng & read poems/stories that connected to main NF texts. Flip 2nd 6 wks.
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AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

@kelleemoye [#rwworkshop](#) Yes. But visualizing in realistic fiction or poetry, etc.



AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

@kelleemoye @jennann516 [#rwworkshop](#) I was wondering the same thing.



AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@mindi_r So like a visualizing unit? [#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO



Jennifer Fountain
@jennann516

@kelleemoye Using (new) district curriculum to guide decisions.
[#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@jennann516 what is "jump focus"? #rwworkshop



AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rensch
@mindi_r

#rwworkshop Our reading units fall under a strategy umbrella then by genre.



AN HOUR AGO



Jennifer Fountain
@jennann516

A1) District curriculum is jump focus on fiction to non-fiction each 6 weeks w/ the non-emphasized genre as support/connection.

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AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@jennann516 How are you deciding what units to teach? #rwworkshop



AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rensch
@mindi_r

#rwworkshop A1 Each grade in my district has specific writing genres each year. Currently writing our reading units.



AN HOUR AGO

**Jennifer Fountain**

@jennann516

A1) Moving to a new school, my year/units have been mixed up a lot this year! Developing as we go. [#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO

**Kellee Moyer**

@kelleemoye

I have my units as standards-based. [#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO

**Mindi Rensch**

@mindi_r

[#rwworkshop](#) Q1: What units of study are currently part of your reading or writing workshops?



AN HOUR AGO

**Jennifer Fountain**

@jennann516

[@mindi_r](#) Yes! James just said, "Uhh, your phone is ringing!"

[#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO

**Jennifer Fountain**

@jennann516

[@kelleemoye](#) Me too! Watching the Rockets and watching James color Ninja Turtles :) [#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

[#rwworkshop](#) My kids always know when it's time for the chat because my phone buzzes nonstop.



AN HOUR AGO

**Kellee Moyer**

@kelleemoye

[@jennann516](#) Hey Jen!! Glad you could join us :) [#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO

**Kellee Moyer**

@kelleemoye

I'm Kellee from Orlando. I am a middle school reading coach, reading teacher, and journalism teacher. [#rwworkshop](#)



AN HOUR AGO

**Jennifer Fountain**

@jennann516

Howdy [#rwworkshop](#)! Jennifer; English 1 (9th grade) in Pasadena TX.



AN HOUR AGO

**Kellee Moyer**

@kelleemoye

I everyone! Welcome :) Let's introduce ourselves to each other :)
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AN HOUR AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

[#rwworkshop](#) I'm Mindi, a literacy coach in the Chicago suburb. Taught 7th ELA for 18 years before moving to coach.



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**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

[#rwworkshop](#) Happy December! Welcome to [#rwworkshop](#) chat. Let's start out with introductions...



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**Kellee Moyer**

@kelleemoye

1 minute until [#rwworkshop](#)!!!! Join [@mindi_r](#) and me as we talk about building reading and writing workshop units.



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**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

Just 15 minutes to [#rwworkshop](#) chat. Join [@kelleemoye](#) and me as we discuss ways to build reading and writing units.



2 HOURS AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

Don't forget! [#rwworkshop](#) at 9pm ET tonight. Join us to share ideas about building units of study in the reading/writing workshop.



7 HOURS AGO



Emily Gover
@Emily_EasyBib

Teaching Literary Analysis dlvr.it/7jcRjl #engchat #elachat #rwworkshop

 13 HOURS AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

Teach ELA in a workshop model? Curious about how others build units? If so, join [@kelleemoye](#) and me for [#rwworkshop](#) chat tomorrow at 9pm ET

 [@kelleemoye](#) · 2 DAYS AGO